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# Grievance hearing begins for fired director

Steve Chaney challenges recent firing; UCC defends Vice President Blanchard's actions

By Cathryn Feral /Mainstream

The UCC Board of Directors held a public hearing Nov. 6 to investigate a grievance filed by former director of facilities, Stephen Chaney, who was fired July 26, 2001. Seven of the 16 people listed as witnesses testified. The hearing was adjourned at 9:30 pm, to be resumed at a later date.

UCC President, Patricia A. McDonald, presented testimony, as did Vice President John Blanchard. UCC attorney Eldon Caley informally served as moderator, periodically offering testimony and advice to the Board throughout the proceedings.

Most of the witnesses were

barred from the room except while testifying. An exception was made, over the objection of Chaney's lawyer, Martha Walters, to allow McDonald and Blanchard to remain in the room throughout the proceedings.

Blanchard's actions prior to the hearing are a key issue in the grievance, as Chaney had been directly supervised, disciplined and eventually fired by Blanchard. The grievance argues that actions against Chaney were motivated, at least in part, by an on-going romance between Blanchard and Chaney's former secretary, Rhonda "Roni" Merrill.

McDonald opened the nearing with a statement, saying Chaney had been fired "for cause." She

said that when she became President in July 2000, she found the Department of Facilities in a state of disarray. She said that Chaney was not fired for any lack of skills or performance as an electrician, but because of his inability to supervise, non-

"...there was no intention to intimidate or harass the witnesses..."

- Eldon Caley, UCC attorney

delegation of responsibilities, displays of temper and inadequate performance as department head.

Chaney's lawyer, Walters, presented an opening statement asserting Chaney was terminated before the charges against him were proven. She also said

Blanchard's relationship with Merrill had been a primary factor in his criticizing, sanctioning, disciplining and ultimately firing Chaney.

She noted that Merrill had received two pay raises, based upon Blanchard's recommendation, during the same time period that her immediate supervisor, Chaney, was being sanctioned due to conflicts with Merrill.

After a disagreement between Merrill and Chaney, Blanchard moved Chaney from his office to a lesser office in the Warehouse, leaving Merrill in the primary director's office, said Walters. Chaney was ordered to have no direct communication with Merrill, although she was still his secretary.

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### Larry Shipley to retire

By Steve Buchko /Mainstream

Larry Shipley, the director of the admissions and records department at Umpqua Community College, will be retiring after 21 years of service to UCC.

He was born more than a few years ago in the thriving metropolis of Ozark, Mich. in an old farm house that exists (believe it or not) to this day. Unfortunately, the town of Ozark doesn't exist any longer, lending proof that the town went straight downhill after the birth of the young Shipley.

He spent his formative years in Lansing, Mich. where he became an accomplished high platform diver during his high school years. He worked his way through Michigan State University where he received his bachelor's in Physical Education.

Shortly after graduation, Shipley received a job offer from a small school in Tonopah, Nev. and gladly accepted the job sight unseen. Later on, Shipley heard that another person had accepted



Outgoing Director of Admissions, Mr. Larry Shipley.

the job prior to his offer, but after arriving and touring the city of Tonopah they just kept driving, never to be heard from again.

Before arriving at UCC, Larry worked at many jobs and lived in many places ranging from principal/ teacher for Clear Creek Job Corp in Nevada to registrar/director of community education in Kirkland, Wash. Somewhere between all his different jobs and moves, he

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# UCC nursing program gets two new grants

By Amber Otto /Mainstream

Just mention the word grant money on most college campuses, and people come to attention. It's like saying free money. Grant money is a beautiful thing to students, allowing them to attend school when they might not otherwise be able to.

What few realize is that grant money also helps behind the scenes as well. Sometimes the college receives grant money that helps to improve on the type of education that the students are paying for with their money.

UCC recently received some of this grant money. More specifically, the nursing program received two different grants.

The Helene Fuld Trust and the Northwest Health Foundation both contributed grant money to help the UCC nursing program.

Interestingly, this money will be available to help the nursing



Photo by Pete Stingley

UCC Instructor and Nursing Grant Manager/ Coordinator Gladys Claiborne.

program move forward with health care. The PEW Health Commission created a set of core competencies for health care providers. Included in this report are core competencies that all nurses need to know to practice nursing now.

Community-based health care is a term that seems to float around this entire grant quite a bit.

Basically, the idea is to insure that UCC nurses who work in the community become better prepared to care for both sick people and participate in health promotion and disease prevention.

They could be working from one of several places in Douglas County. These include the Cow Creek Health Clinic, Douglas Home Care & Hospice, Douglas County Health Dept, Sutherlin Family Care, Evergreen Urgent Care, Mercy Home Health & Hospice, Sutherlin Health Care and Valley Medical Urgent Care.

The nursing profession is beginning to move forward, from disease treatment to disease prevention. The student competencies will include caring for the

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### Commentary

By Kylene Wetherell /Mainstream

While walking to my car after class today, I was talking with friends and enjoying getting ready to leave campus. That is until one of them said, "Uggh, watch out ... " Too late. I had already stepped in what was obviously a runny pile of deer feces. "I was going to say something, but you had already stepped in it," she said.

Is anyone else disgusted by the deer that roam our campus? Worrying about hitting them on the road is problem enough, in my campus parking lot is absurd. Personally, I have already been in five deer-related accidents. Of these, four cars have been totaled. Admittedly, I live in a deer infested area, and this gives me more opportunity to hit them. Someone has obviously made the deer a campus pet. One of the deer



actually has an ear tag and wears some sort of electronic collar. Since when are people more worried about a mobile traffic hazard than UCC's students and employees?

Every day I see the deer roaming freely about, fearless of retribution. Who would dare to harm UCC's deer? Daily people walk around and I hear them talk about how cute the deer are, how pretty they look, and how picturesque they are. My favorite response to this is the men that pantomime gunshots at the deer.

Perhaps if we are lucky someone will realize that these animals are a hazard and an eyesore. Yes, an eyesore. Anyone who thinks the deer are pretty and nice needs to take a closer look at these animals. They are obviously flea infested, and illness ridden judging by the previously stepped in manure. Their coats are dirty and obviously these animals are having parasite trouble. Do I think that it is UCC's responsibility to take care of this? No. Absolutely not. UCC's responsibility is to the students and staff.

# **UCC Tutoring Services**

By Cat Feral /Mainstream

Last year UCC's Tutoring Services provided more than 8,000 hours of assistance to more than a thousand students. Program Coordinator Virginia Roth expects to serve even more students this year.

"I've already had to hire more tutors this term than ever before," Roth said, mentioning UCC's increased enrollment as one possible reason for the increase in demand.

Ginger Korn, now tutoring for her seventh year, described the service as an invaluable and unique asset offered by UCC. "I believe our program is one of the best," she said.

The majority of students request help with math, computer classes and writing, but tutoring is available for nearly every academic class. Roth said, "If we don't already have a tutor on staff for a subject you need help with, we'll do our best to find a tutor for you."

Tutoring Services offers oneon-one tutoring, study groups and even instructional videotapes. Roth said, "Our goal is to help people help themselves. We don't just want to help them pass the classwe want to give them the tools that

### Tutoring access

**ESB Building Room 15** Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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they need to succeed in college and in life."

This approach works well, according to Jim Adams who is being tutored by Korn for his CIS 101 class. "This work gets so confusing," he said, "but Ginger helps me sort it out, and figure out what I did wrong and then helps me get back on track."

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Getting tutoring assistance is as easy as walking in the door of the Tutoring Lab (ESB Room 15) and signing up. There's no charge for the service, and students can get up to three hours of tutoring per week for each class they need help with. The Tutoring Lab has a warm, casual atmosphere with tutors and students sitting comfortably around small tables and plenty of computers available for students to work on.

Tutors can't do students' homework or write their papers, but they can review and explain assignments, help students understand and use textbooks, help students work through assignments and they can edit papers for students.

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challenge. Although there is no in game instruction manual you can always fumble through the game booklet to help you get through those rough spots. No matter how long you play this game before beating it you really shouldn't find yourself getting bored, unless you hate good storylines.

this game could have been better developed, but it still rocked my world, and left me dazed and confused. Sure not everybody will like this game, but if you enjoy mutilated corpses, and sick and twisted storylines, I recommend this game to you, you naughty

Overall-8/10

I admit little gamer you.



# Silent Hill 2

By Tom Thompson for The Mainstream

Silent Hill is probably the sickest and most demented game out there, and that's why people love it. It's like a cheesy horror flick and you're the main character. While the graphics and sound quality may be appear to be a little rough around the edges they still deliver with above average FMV (Full Motion Video) and decent sound effects. If you love creepy games that give you horrific nightmares this game is for you. Graphics-7/10

The rough graphics and foggy background added to greatness of the game, but I felt that

they could have improved them a little more without taking away that cheesy

horror flick feeling. The fog itself is a rather amazing addition to the game, because it leaves you wondering about lies

ahead. The graphics themselves are nice, but while playing the game you may find yourself wishing they were a little clearer.

Sound- 8/10

Even though the sound effects

come across loud and clear you may find them a little scratchy. When the characters hold a conversation their mouth movements may come prior to when the actual conversation is actually enunciated. Character emotions may also be a damper because of low quality acting. Although bad acting may be unappealing to some people, others actually enjoy it.

Controls-8/10

Like many other survival horror games it comes with rather complicated and frustrating controls. Though they may come off as annoying most players should be able to adapt to them after a little

practice. As tough as these controls are I would have to say that they somewhat surpass Courtesy of http://www.konami.com/silenthill2/screens\_story.php most other

horror games controls by a tad bit. Game play-10/10

This is where Silent Hill really shines. The story is probably one of the best I've ever encountered in a Playstation game. As you progress through the game there are usually no hold ups or snags, but this doesn't mean it's not a

# Getting to know... Dr. Nia Bauer

By Brandi Beavers /Mainstream

Noticed a fresh new face around the science department? That's Dr. Nia Bauer, a new addition to UCC this year.

Bauer, a 29-year-old San Diego native, attended the University of San Diego for her undergraduate studies. She then transferred to the University of Texas at Houston to earn her doctorate in cell biology. During her graduate work, she studied mytonic dystrophy, a DNA-related disease that can cause muscle

At UTH, Bauer got her first introduction to teaching. She was asked to take over at a Houston private school for a teacher who was taking maternity leave. For two weeks, she had the opportunity to teach students biology.

problems.

After graduating, Bauer and her husband, also a UTH student, knew they wanted to move to Oregon. However, Eugene was their original destination, not Roseburg. But when her husband got a job at Umpqua Feather Merchants in Glide, Bauer packed up and moved to Douglas County.

Upon arriving, Bauer had no job, but was on the lookout. She knew she was interested in teaching, but had not yet completed her master's degree. A week before the 2000-2001 school year started, Bauer called Roseburg High School. Amazingly, there was a position available for a part-time biology teacher. Jumping at the prospect, Bauer took the job and has been teaching at RHS since.

Just a few months later, Bauer learned of an opening in the science department at the University of Oregon. She applied, interviewed, and got the job. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, she commuted up to the U of O

campus to teach cell biology.

Bauer says she enjoyed her time at U of O. Because she was a recent graduate, she felt she could "relate more" to the students. The class, however, was only offered winter term, so she soon resumed her RHS

While teaching at RHS and



Dr. Nia Bauer is enjoying her position at UCC.

Uof O, Bauer managed to squeeze in some time looking into UCC's open positions. Unfortunately, there were none at that time. She was told, even, that UCC science positions were so valued that many instructors held them until death. Seeing the young staff, Bauer decided a position at UCC probably wasn't likely.

However, fate had its way and Neil Romney resigned for a position at another school. The full-time position Romney left didn't fit Bauer's RHS schedule, so the science staff split the position into two part-time positions. To fill them, Bauer and Ann Hopkins were hired.

This year, Bauer, in addition to teaching at RHS from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., teaches three biology labs, nutrition, and microbiology. Not busy enough? Bauer is also working on her master's degree from U of O.

# **UCC** department news

By Juan Vanegas, Cathryn Feral, Amber Otto /Mainstream

In the Athletic Department, the men's soccer season has wrapped up for the year. The women's volleyball team wrapped SWOCC winning 30-25, 30-24 and 30-24.

PE/ Health Dept. News

Department Chair Bill Bachman reported that the weight room got three new pieces of equipment in late October. Now there is a second treadmill, and there are also two new elliptical Sprint Cross Trainers, which have already proven to be very popular according to Bachman. Cheryl Yoder reported that her Wilderness Survival Class will go to Twin Lakes on a three-day backpacking expedition on Nov. 9-11. Students will have the opportunity to

> put to the test skills they have been learning including starting fires without matches, purifying water for drinking, and staying warm and dry in inclement weather

The Fine Arts Department gallery is displaying The Prints of Art by Lyle Matoush of Ashland. It consists of prints by Douglas County Elementary School Children. This will be displayed from October 29 to December 7. Performing Arts Depart-

ment. On November 20, the Umpqua Chamber Orchestra & the UCC Chamber Choir will hold a concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. Both events cost \$5.00.

In Science Department news,

Geology teacher, Cindy Shroba PhD. (aka "Doctor Rock") was elected Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year by the UCC faculty.

The Science Department has lost one instructor but gained two new ones. Neil Romney left to take another position. Nia Bauer has joined the staff as a full-time teacher of microbiology and nutrition. The Science Department has also gained a part-time teacher, Ann Hopkins, who teaches chemistry. Susan Lester, Science Building secretary, reported that all science classes have full enrollment, and that an additional Intro to Chemistry class was added to accommodate demand. Carlos Figueroa of the Engineering Department, who volunteered to take on this extra position, is teaching this Saturday

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She said Chaney's complaints to Blanchard and to McDonald were disregarded.

McDonald testified that it was appropriate for Blanchard, as vice president of administrative services, to supervise Chaney, and that she did not consider Blanchard's relationship with Chaney's secretary to be a conflict of interest.

McDonald testified that in October of 2000 Merrill filed a formal complaint against Chaney about an incident that took place in June. McDonald said that a "program of improvement" was ordered for Chaney, in which he was to take management classes and make other changes. She stated Chaney failed to achieve the goals of this program. George Roth, director of computer services, described Chaney as enthusiastic and highly competent, adding that

### Campus Islamic Seminar on Friday

By Pete Stingley/Mainstream

Interested in learning more (about the religion and customs of Islam? Then plan to attend the upcoming seminar entitled: "A Conversation about Islam" on Nov. 9, at noon, in the Indian room.

The free seminar will be open to anyone wishing to learn more about the rich artistic and religious traditions of one of the world's most influential religions.

The speakers for the presentation will be Marie Rasmussen and Kelly Cooper. Both are currently on staff at UCC and past recipients of Fulbright Scholarships.

Included in the seminar will be discussions about recent events around the world and how they might influence the viewer's perception of Islam and its adherents.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch and any questions they might have. See you there!

neither he nor others on his staff ever had any misunderstandings or miscommunications with Chaney. Roth said he knew about the relationship between Merrill and Blanchard. Blanchard then asked Roth if he thinks that relationship has hampered his (Blanchard's) ability to serve in his position. Roth paused, then responded, "I'm not sure, John."

Blanchard offered personal observations about Chaney, about himself, and about retired UCC President, James Kraby. He characterized Chaney as insubordi-

UCC President McDonald did not consider Blanchard's relationship with Chaney's secretary to be a conflict of interest.

nate, devious, scheming and lacking integrity. He said that he moved his own office into the Warehouse and worked there parttime in order to investigate Chaney's management of the department.

When asked by Walters what he meant by calling Chaney's behavior scheming and devious, Blanchard responded, "His portrayal of me and Rhonda Merrill." When asked if their relationship was intimate, Blanchard refused to answer, but, when pressed, he admitted that on one occasion they were seen kissing in a car on campus.

Blanchard said that he made the decision to move Chaney out of his office and to forbid his contact with Merrill based on her oral report to him that Chaney was verbally abusive.

Al Jones, a retired maintenance worker, left four months after Chaney was hired. He cited illhealth, his wife's encouragement, and his feelings of frustration with being ignored by Chaney and others as reasons for retiring.

Terry Goetz, a former UCC employee, described the last three months that she worked under Chaney as "absolute hell." She described Chaney as very volatile and called him a bully.

Susie Navarro, senior payroll specialist directly supervised by Blanchard, reported that last June she urged Merrill to submit her time sheets as soon as possible since they were overdue. She said that the following day she was strongly reprimanded by Blanchard for bothering Merrill.

She described this as a single, isolated incident that really upset her, because ordinarily she and Blanchard get along well. He later apologized and advised her that if she had further problems with Merrill, she should talk to him first.

John Cox, groundskeeper, described some conflicts during the time he worked for Chaney, but said that if Chaney were rehired, he'd be willing to work for him.

Mitch Spires, digital systems instructor, described Chaney as exceptionally competent in completing challenging electrical projects in a timely manner.

Jess Miller, groundskeeper, described Chaney's personality and actions in a negative matter and accused him of dishonesty and back-stabbing. Under cross examination, he admitted that he had sometimes said unflattering things about Chaney while working for him that may not have helped morale in the department.

A number of times during the proceedings, Chaney's attorney asked the Board of Directors for reassurance that there would be no reprisals against UCC employees who had testified, or will testify, on Chaney's behalf.

Near the end of the evening, she again asked for reassurance and pointed out that witnesses for Chaney had been called into Blanchard's office and questioned about what they were going to say prior to the hearing.

Board members questioned this, and UCC attorney, Eldon Caley, confirmed that these interviews did take place, as described, upon his advice. Board member Art Trout asked, "You mean you interviewed [Chaney's] witnesses before this hearing?" Again, Caley said yes, and added, "I want to assure the Board that there was no intention to intimidate or harass the witnesses. We just wanted to know what they were going to say, so we could speed up this hearing."

Trout, speaking on behalf of the Board, strongly admonished that no further interviews or contact of any kind be directed to any UCC employees who are on the witness list.

The continuance of this hearing is tentatively set for Tuesday, November 13, at UCC's administration board room.

### College visits

Upcoming visits from Oregon schools this month include:

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Nov. 15, 9 am to 12:50 pm

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# Looking for a part-time holiday job?

By Aaron Hatt for Mainstream

Christmas is just around the corner and a little extra cash would be nice. There are many job openings at United Parcel Service right now. There is a 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. shift in the evenings and 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift at night. The pay is \$8.50 per hr. averaging four hours a day, Monday through Friday, with weekends off. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Men or women can apply, and must be able to lift 30 pounds from the ground. UPS

pays weekly, and you can expect to earn \$100 per paycheck on average. The amount increases with the hours worked per week.

The jobs available are loading and unloading. College students are a target for employment; it helps the student and UPS at the same time. The time of employment lasts only two months, unless determined otherwise. Rehiring takes place in January after peak season is over.

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The work is an outside job, so dress warmly with many layers. Proper footwear is also helpful.

Boots or hiking shoes are best. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids.

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# UCC launches new Public Safety Program

New Chairman to establish AAS degree in Criminal Justice

By Pete Stingley /Mainstream

On Friday, Nov. 2, UCC instructor Dennis L. O'Neill sat down with the Mainstream to talk about his role as the new Department Chair of Public Safety. The new department was created on July 1 of this year to expand the role of UCC in the growing field of Public Safety training and services.

The new department will be involved in a whole range of activities to serve local and regional law enforcement and fire. protection agencies, primarily in training and support. But the first major development will be to establish a new two-year degree program at UCC

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, Chairman O'Neill submitted a proposal for a new degree program, an AAS in Criminal Justice, to the instructional council for approval. This proposal, if adopted, will lead to the first such degree at the college, replacing the current one-year Certificate

Said O'Neill, "I expect that the Associate in Applied Science for Criminal Justice will be in place for

The new degree program will join the current two-year AAS in Fire Science and the one-year Certificate in Juvenile Corrections, offering students an increased opportunity to receive advanced training in the vital field of Law Enforcement.

The creation of the new department reflects the need for a coordinated head for the soon-tobe expanded training program now taking shape at the college. As the department continues to grow, O'Neill will expand the current program to include training courses and resource sharing with law enforcement agencies around the region. This will require an immense amount of effort and time on behalf of all the staff members hired to launch the new program.

Currently, O'Neill teaches about two thirds of the classes in the Criminal Justice program. However, as more staff members are hired in the future, and as the degree program begins to take shape, his role as teacher will diminish somewhat, probably to less than half of the classes.

"As we build our staff here...we are beginning to hire talented people from the community that will be teaching the classes", said

O'Neill. One example is former Oakland (Ore.) Police Chief Donna Green, "...a very gifted and talented individual, who was the highest ranking woman on the Command staff of the Alameda County (Calif.) Sheriff's Department." Chief Green is the Cultural Communications instructor on Wednesday nights at UCC now.

Other instructors will include Chief Chris Brown from the Roseburg Police Department, who will be teaching the supervision and management courses.

Hopefully, leading members of the local Sheriff's Department and Community Corrections Center will be involved as well, as O'Neill puts it, "to create value for our students

The decision by UCC to create the new department and degree program comes from the recognition of an increasing need around the country for improved quality in training and recruitment in the Law Enforcement and Fire Safety fields.

As the decade unfolds, community colleges like UCC will need to expand their efforts to help train the new generation of police and fire professionals

According to O'Neill, most areas of the country, especially the metropolitan centers, are experiencing a shortage of quality applicants in the field of Public Safety. This, despite studies that consistently show careers in these fields to be in the top 10 in job projections for the



New Public Safety Dept. Chairman Dennis L. O'Neill in his office in Jackson Hall.

and bring the credibility that is needed to have the kind of success we are striving for."

O'Neill is a veteran of over 23 years of law enforcement experience, mostly as a Field Commander, with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. A serious injury sustained while serving in Los Angeles forced O'Neill to retire from active duty. However, his involvement in Law Enforcement did not end there as he continued to serve his nation as the Program Director of a Public Safety program for a large educational district in California.

O'Neill has over 28 years of experience in Law Enforcement education. His involvement in education overlapped his duties with the sheriff's office the last 13 years there. His second retirement in June of this year enabled him to assume his new job here at UCC.

In addition to his service and experience, he brings to the job an air of confidence, a sense of pride and a strong commitment to what he intends to accomplish at UCC. With all his experience and skills, it is easy to see why he was selected to chair the new department.

coming decade nationwide.

When asked if the recent terrorist attacks in New York and D.C. may have helped spur a renewed interest and need for law enforcement and fire safety, O'Neill said: " After the events of September 11, there's going to be increasing emphasis on public safety in our county, and we will be playing a role in that here at the college." "We will be looking to determine how...we can serve that need."

The creation of the new Public Safety Department and expansion of the technical degree program illustrates the realization of this growing need and a strong commitment by the board officials at UCC to meet that role.

The Mainstream staff is pleased to welcome Mr. O'Neill and pledges to support his efforts for improving the educational opportunities here at UCC.

Later, as the department grows into its expanding role, the Mainstream will follow up with additional coverage detailing that expansion and how that growth will impact the community and students here at UCC.

# State budget cuts to hit UCC soon

By Steve Buchko/Mainstream

The UCC President's Leadership team met recently to try to adjust the UCC budget for the monetary shortfall that the college is soon to endure.

Governor John Kitzhaber has requested that all State agencies try to reduce their gets by at 2 percent up to 6 percent beginning this fiscal year. So, State agencies are scrambling to define the best alternative to solve this issue. Since most budgets for the fiscal year are almost half used, and since most budgets are figured on a two-

to solve it. The budget for UCC is generated from the following sources: students provide 20 percent, the State of Oregon contributes 60 percent and property taxes make up the other 20 percent.

In an attempt to comply with the governor's request for cuts, the President's Leadership Team has developed a short-term plan to begin dealing with this dilemma. A

two percent cut amounts to approximately \$188,000 and a 10 percent cut is about \$940,000, or a little more than what the college would have received from the state for enrollment increases.

In order to make the cuts, the Leadership Team suggested several options, which include staff positions that have been budgeted but not yet filled, deferment of remodeling projects, and unbudgeted tuition due to enrollment increases.

community college in the state is year schedule, this dilemma in the process poses major pitialis for those trying of evaluating its budget and will submit this information to the

Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) which in turn will submit the overall strategy to the governor by Nov.16.

The governor wants to determine what the impact would be if there were a 10 percent cut. This cut, if determined to be feasible, would be phased in by 2 percent increments.



### Campus

# The dangers of credit card debt

By Kylene Wetherell /Mainstream

Every day the mailman comes bearing bills, and the infamous junk mail, applications for credit cards. Those with internet accounts are familiar with the applications too. Every time a student buys a book at UCC's Bookstore, inside the bag is a variety of pamphlets for everything from long distance to, yet again, the infamous credit card.

Students are especially susceptible to credit cards. Debt is a major problem on many campuses.

How many credit cards do students have? According to a study from the Chronicle of Higher Education, about 70 percent of undergraduates hold at least one credit card.

The average undergraduate has three credit cards and owes \$2,748 on credit cards alone. That's on top of an average \$13,500 in loans at public universities, says U.S. News and World Report, 3/19/01.

Students are graduating from college with nearly twice as much debt, as compared to a decade ago.

One in ten students will graduate with balances exceeding \$7,000. Undergraduates spend more than \$21.6 billion a year using credit cards overall, according to Student Monitor, a research firm.

How have credit cards affected students at UCC? "Well, I'm one of the few students without a credit card. I don't have any problems with them," said one student at UCC. Not everyone is so lucky.

"The first one I got was McMahan's," said Jade Meredith, UCC student. "I bought my step-son a bed and charged it. McMahan's told me they'd give me \$500 credit and the bed was only \$100. I had a brand new house and we wanted a new couch, a sound system, a new TV. It added up quick. As soon as you purchase a home, the credit cards come rolling in. You sign your name, you send it off and pretty soon you get a credit card in the mail for \$2,500."

Many students take part time jobs and neglect studies to pay on their debt. According to the Consumer Federation of America, a national consumer advocacy group in Washington, credit card companies often advertise credit as a means of financial independence for the young adult. They often give cards freely to students with limited incomes.

Most credit card companies find students to be the ideal customer. Students often charge, make the minimum payment, and are loyal to their first credit card for an average of 10 years.

Those deeply in debt have dropped out or filed legally for bankruptcy. For some, the debt proves too much. An Oklahoma junior with 12 different cards and more than \$10,000 in debt hanged himself in 1998.

In 1997 Central Oklahoma student Mitzi Pool was found after hanging herself by the sheets in her dorm room. Pool's checkbook and credit card bills were spread over the bed below her.

According to a recent study by Elizabeth Warren, a professor at Harvard Law School, an estimated 120,000 people under the age of 25 filed for personal bankruptcy in 2000. Warren estimates that among

1998 2000 **Undergraduate Credit-Card Debt** 78% 67% Percentage who have credit cards 32 Percentage who have 4 or more cards 27 Percentagewith balances 13 between \$3000 and \$7,000 9 Percentage with balances exceeding \$7,000 10 \$2,748 \$1,879 Average credit-card debt \$1,236 \$1,222 Median credit-card debt 3.0 3.5 Average number of credit cards Source: Nellie Mae

Americans under 24, filings rose 51 percent between 1991 and 1999.

While some campuses have banned credit card marketers, most have not. Many colleges even have contracts with credit card companies. The University of Oklahoma, for example, is payed for exclusive rights to market their cards to students, alumni, and employees. These credit cards even bear the university name.

The issue of debt is complicated by major support for politicians and educators. At Georgetown, approximately \$7 million was given for the construction of the new MBNA Ryan Performing Arts Center, to open in 2003. According to the Federal

Election Commission, in 2000 credit card companies gave more than \$9 million in campaign contributions.

It seems that students who already have credit cards are more likely to abuse them. Those who don't aren't really interested in getting them. "Everybody I talk to ends up getting into debt with them. I don't need that," said Maia Bedwell, a UCC student.

Credit cards are very tempting. As one student said, "It's one of the best things you can have in your wallet and also one of the worst." People need to be intelligent about their decisions and be aware of their income. If you can't afford it now, you probably can't pay for it later.

### Shipley

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received his master's from Western Oregon University and his doctorate from the University of Oregon in Educational Administration.

Shipley accepted his job at UCC in 1981, and the rest, as they say, is history. Besides his current duties, Shipley has taught psychology of human relations, orientation to college and has been the international student's advisor.

According to Larry, when his daughter was a fifth grader she was asked what her father did for a living. She responded, "He just sits behind his desk and talks on his phone." Although some people may still think this to be true, the fact is that he is a very busy man with many duties and responsibilities.

Larry lives in the Melrose area with his wife Jan who is the current Business Department Chair at UCC. Larry and Jan have a daughter Jan Marie, who is a senior at Western Oregon University majoring in education and a son Ryan, who is a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed in Kosovo.

Shipley's future plans include travel, learning to fly fish, creating a Japanese garden at his home and golf. If anyone has ever observed Shipley on the golf course they would have to conclude that the majority of his travel should be to and from the driving range.

After 21 years of service to UCC, Shipley's wit and sense of humor will be sorely missed. He is not only an outstanding administrator, but truly one of a kind. When asked to give his favorite quote Shipley recited a line from Hamlet which pretty much sums it up, "This above all else: to thine own self be true..." If you have ever had the pleasure to know this man, no truer words were ever spoken.

#### Nursing

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community's health, flu shots at clinics, expanding access to effective health care and understanding the role and emphasis of primary care, just to name a few.

"It's a vision I've had for 20 years", said UCC staff member Gladys Claiborne, Nursing Grant Manager and Coordinator, as she explains her hopes and expectations for this new venture. "I believe people are happier and have a better quality of life when they are healthy. Instead of treating just the illness, prevention and earlier recognitions of illnesses can prevent some or all of the debilitating effects of that condition."

Even more important for the UCC nursing program is their

National Accreditation. This will make the road to a bachelor's and master's degree much easier for UCC graduates and help those who enlist in the military apply their college credits towards their new careers.

While the change in health care is a rather controversial new idea, because it is so new, it's also very exciting. UCC nurses are going to be able to have more hands-on time and are going to be learning more than ever before.

### **Tutoring**

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Are you interested in becoming a tutor? Roth invites you to drop by the Tutoring Lab and fill out an application. Tutors must have passed the class(es) they are tutoring with an "A" or a "B," and they need to take a free, one-credit tutoring class within the first two terms they are tutoring. Beginning pay is \$7.10 and the pay quickly increases with experience and with additional training.

Juan Vanegas, now in his second year of tutoring his fellow students in math, Spanish, computer skills, physics and chemistry, said that tutoring offers many rewards besides money. He said it gives him a feeling of accomplishment to help other people figure out how to succeed in a class or a

subject. "It helps me too," he said, "Each person learns differently, and whenever we figure out a new pathway to understanding a subject, it gives me a new tool to use in my own studies."

Taking advantage of UCC's
Tutoring Services is one of the best
ways a student can improve his or
her grades, according to Roth. "We
can't absolutely guarantee that
you'll get an "A", or even that
you'll pass your class," she said,
"But most of our students improve
a lot, and we do our very best to
help them succeed!"

### Sports Quiz Answers

- 1. George Blanda
- 2. Ernie Nevers
- 3. The Patriots
- 4. "A Man and a Woman"
- 5. The New York Titans
- 6. Les Henson, Virginia Tech; Florida State
- 7. Paul Hornung
- 8. Secretariet
- 9. Baltimore (Colts); Denver (Broncos)
- 10. The defensive linemen
- 11. Baltimore Colts; Johnny Unitas and Alan Ameche

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### Teamwork may lead to a championship

By Billy Gray /Mainstream

Despite having a team largely comprised of freshmen, the Timberwomen look to establish a post threat to return the NWAACC Championship to UCC. Besides adjusting to a new system, freshmen players must also become acquainted with the aggressive physical play of college basketball after playing in high school. With so many young players, the big key for this team will be the experience of its veteran players.

Three players returning from last season, who should make a difference are; Heidi Buehler, who led last year's team with a 17 points per game average (ppg), Julia Barker and Silver Pierce who each averaged 10 ppg. Another asset

will be the presence of Jamie Barker. Two years ago she played on the UCC championship team and redshirted last season.

The improved play of sophomore guard Kyra Cleveland has made Coach Stricklin deem her, a "secret weapon" as most teams don't know what she can do yet. In order to bring the championship back to UCC, the Timberwomen must first face-off with Clackamas and Chemeketa, with whom they share the top three spots. For the past seven years it has been these three teams going head to head, and it looks to be the same this

While trying to fight for the top spot Coach Stricklin knows that they, "must be aware of teams below them that may sneak-up," as

Linn Benton, SWOCC, and Lane all have returning players on their teams. The start of the season is nearly two weeks away. The first opponent the Timberwomen face is a Shasta College team that finished second in last year's California State Championship. Besides facing Shasta in the College of the Redwoods Tournament, UCC has three more tournaments in Decem-

Coach Stricklin sees this tournament play providing good experience for the rest of the season as it "will force the coaches to prepare on a 24-hour notice instead of having several days" and "it will force players to be in pretty good shape to play that many games in a short period of time." This will also prepare them



Eva Breuer and Heidi Buehler run through drills during a recent practice.

for the NWAACC Championships in March. To return to their championship form from two years ago, the Timberwomen must, as Stricklin put it, "gel as a team."

If the team can have a different player excell each night that makes the everybody a threat instead of just one player.

# Experience will be the key for men's basketball

By Juan M. Vanegas and Billy Gray/Mainstream

This year's UCC basketball team will have eight new players who will be great support for what Coach Rod Snook believes is a good nucleus of returning sophomores."

The freshmen players this season bring with them three high school MVPs, three high school All Conference team spots, a league leader in assists and two Athlete of the Year awards. Each of these players participated in multiple sports in high school, adding to the team's athleticism. Coach Snook commented that he has "eight new, good players and students."

The preseason prediction for the Timbermen is a 4th place ranking behind Lane, Clackamas, and Chemeketa. In order to make the playoffs the team must stay 4th

or higher. The difficulty with meeting this goal is the lack of experience as there no returning starters. Coach Snook sees that this team will be "a quicker and [more] athletic team" and that 'experience will come later in the

As the season wears on the team will begin to gel and as Coach Snook's expectations are fulfilled this team should be one to watch. The first game of the season is November 17th and the best thing students can do is come out and show their support for this team.



# Test your sports knowledge

By Brandi Beavers /Mainstream

1. Between 1949 and 1975, this pro played in 340 major league games-more than any football hero before or since. His initials are G.B. Return to the bench if you can't give his full name.

2. The team he played with, the

Chicago Cardinals. has long since vanished from

Comiskey Park on November 28, 1929, they took the field against another Windy City team, the Chicago Bears. Fans that day only wanted to be diverted from the recent woes brought on by the Crash. By the time the game was over, they'd forgotten all about the depression. What Cardinal scored 40 points for his team-6 TDs and 4 PATs?

3. They used to call Boston

home, but have now expanded their handle to include a bigger share of the country. What is the nickname of the team from New England?

4. Name the 1966 foreign film in which a race-car driver, played by Jean-Louis Trintignant, woos a young widow (Anouk Aimee).

5. What was the name of the New

York Jets before Sonny Werblin bought the team and gave them a new image?

6. It happened during a 1979-80 season game, and it happened on the opponent's home court. There were two seconds left to play and the scoreboard showed 77-77. The visiting team's forward grabbed a

off the opponent's backboard. There was no time to pass the ball to a teammate, so the forward tossed the ball, over handed, toward his own basket. There was a moment of silence, then the ball swished through the net. The game-winning toss was

measured at 89'3". Not only did the left-handed forward set a new world record for collegiate hoops, but he did it with a right-handed toss. Whose name went into the record books for the longest successful shot in college play? What school did he play for? Who were the losers, defeated by this one-in-a-million shot?

7. The packers hadn't won a division title in more than sixteen years. They had to hearken all the way back to the days of superscorer Don Hutson to come up with a season really worth remembering. But things started picking up. A new player came to the team in the late 1950's, a back whose blond hair won him the nickname, "the Golden Boy." The name might just as well

have been attributed to his gridiron powers. The 176 points he scored in 1960 got the Packers a division title, and got him a place in the record books for single-season scoring. Name the Packer who broke Don Hutson's old record.

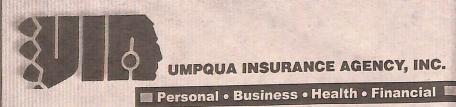
8. No horse had won the Triple Crown for a quarter of a century. Then, in 1973, this long-legged splendor did it with ease. Name this horse, which many will still argue is the most outstanding thoroughbred of all time.

9. It's a rodeo of excitement when the Colts challenger the Broncos. Name the home paddocks of these blue ribbon AFC teams.

10. They're the biggest and the meanest men on the team, and are often called the "front four." Who are they?

11. It was the first suddendeath overtime in NFL title-match history. The New York Giants took the turf against the visiting challengers. That December of '58 game was a long time ago, but football fans do forget easily. Besides, this is the game that's often been called the greatest game in NFL history. The score was 17-all at the end of the fourth period. Sudden-death began, and tension in Yankee Stadium was at an alltime high. It took the challengers 13 plays and 8 minutes, 15 seconds to rout the Giants' NFL hopes. Name the victorious team. Who was the quarterback who threw the winning TD pass? Who was on the receiving end of that pass?

Want to know the answers? Turn to page 6.



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# Star-struck

By David Haas for The Mainstream

I have besieged the playground of the gods with my curious brown eyes,

And scrutinized every dazzling diamond in the vast night sky, Just steps behind the fiery path of a blazing comet, first hand, I have observed the planets Spin,

Even high-velocity meteors could not escape my log book, Never once have I misplaced my trusty pen.

I spend less time on Earth than I do up in space,

And, sometimes, I desperately wish I did not have to come back to this place

Adrift and immersed in the cold, dark depths of a soothing ocean that calms my soul,

Above all the hustle and bustle and cares of the world,

In the purest sense, I transcend all the boundaries that impose thought-control.

Occasionally, I lose myself in the grandeur of it all.

It seems as if some inner piece of me is responding to an unheard

And I am strangely, faintly familiar with the ancient melody that sings to me.

In this moment I see that I am not an entity separate from the void, But more; A day in the life of this eternal, spreading tree.

Since my childhood, curiosity has led me by the nose and dwelled within my heart,

Like a hopeless romantic, I too, have been consumed by this love from the very start.

It is an obsession for which I would give up everything I have or own, And I cannot imagine ever abandoning this winding, endless road, The universe is the only real home I've ever known.

In the mornings, thoughts of Mercury and Venus madly swirl about my head.

And the face upon Mars beckons and taunts me all day until I see nothing but red,

Saturn, Jupiter and Uranus are greedy; They fill and hoard all of my dreams,

Sometimes Neptune drops in for a cameo appearance,

All my time is consumed and devoured by these themes.

If Einstein were alive, I'm sure he Why I am so obsessed and what this all means to me. How important it truly is that I keep

searching on, Chasing my heart's desire at full

speed. Doing all that I can before my

inevitable, approaching dawn.

Through a telescope I peer up at the mysteries above, Flying high, soaring upward, like a beautiful, white dove, And as I break through the clouds and step into space,

A profound thing occurs to me-I belong in this place.

David Haas is a student at UCC and enjoys writing poetry.

Students are encouraged to submit their original writings to the editorial board for consideration for this section. Please submit all work (preferably on disk) to the drop box at the Mainstream office, Synder 11, or the Student Center.

# Prom Courting

By Elias Smith for The Mainstream

"I'll be right back," I said. "Please just wait here for me."

"Where are you going?" she asked!

"Please just wait here. No questions, just wait," I replied as I headed from the middle of the dance floor and approached the steps leading on to the stage. Is she on to me? I thought. No. How could she be? I worked so hard to keep this from her, no, not after dinner. Not after I gave her the necklace. It did the trick.

"I'm ready," I told the DJ as I stopped in front of his desk. My heart was racing.

His voice hid a spark of intrigue as he said, "There's the mic."

There's no backing out now, I silently told myself as I reached out and grabbed the microphone. Not after so many months of planning. Slowly I walked out, stopping when I reached center stage. Safely hidden in shadow, I looked out at

the endless crowd of people. I watched as the back wall got farther and farther away until it vanished in the distance. I knew in my head that there weren't really that many people. Either way it didn't matter, I reminded myself as I focused my eyes on Julie. "My God, she's beautiful," I whispered as a golden brown curl slid down over her left eye from her neatly bundled hair, and teased the top of her strapless white gown.

I stepped forward. The sudden flare of heat told me the spotlight had been turned on. I stood there watching out over the crowd, waiting for a chance to speak. "Can we get everyone's attention for a moment please." With these words the DJ's voice drained all sound from the room.

It is time, I thought as I brought the microphone up to my mouth.

"Julia Ode," my voice rang out and all tension and fear left me with a rush of adrenaline.

"About fourteen months ago when I met you," I continued, "I saw you as someone above me. You were royalty and I was merely a peasant. I decided then to dedicate my life to making you feel like a princess."

"One year and seven days ago you made me feel like a prince when you said you would be mine." As I continued I pulled out a small box and opened it.

'Now it would make me feel like a king if you would marry me and become my queen."

Her eyes were like diamonds as she stared at me and stepped forward to stand in front of the stage. I knelt and placed the diamond ring on her ivory finger.

The DJ spoke again, asking everyone to form a circle around us as we danced to our song, 'Love Will Keep us Alive' by The Eagles

Like two angels in the clouds, we danced. We danced without a care for, or even notice of, the crowd watching us. When the song ended the crowd was still there, still watching. The envy was visible in every face.

The rest of the night was a blur of faces and polite comments and the evening ended too fast. I don't remember much else of that evening except for the indescribable happiness I felt as I fell asleep; happiness I still feel every time I look at Julie.

